



Meeting Notes

Neighborhood Focus Group Meeting

9:00 a.m. – Tuesday, June 2, 2009

APS Conference Room, 101 West Cherry Ave, Flagstaff, AZ

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kim Titlebaugh at 9:00 a.m.

In attendance:

Ed Larsen, City of Flagstaff
Kim Titlebaugh, Chair
Melissa Klatcher, Citizen
Elaine Averitte, City of Flagstaff
Dan Cothran, Citizen
Mark Spinti, Citizen
Lisa Rayner, Citizen
Phil Scandura, Citizen
Paul Moore, Architect
Duffie Westheimer, Citizen
Debbie Shelton, Realtor
Laura Myers, La Plaza Vieja
Pat Loven, Realtor
Scott Neuman, Coconino Country
Kimberly Sharp, City of Flagstaff

2. Recap of Focus Group Purpose

Chair Titlebaugh gave a recap of purpose of the Neighborhood Focus Group and went over the ground rules that were to be followed in the meeting.

3. Discussion:

At the last meeting the Group came up with a list of issues for consideration and these were presented to the Group to decide whether these items would need further discussion; if they were applicable to the issue of Neighborhood planning or if they should be forwarded to other Focus Groups for discussion and whether there were new ideas that should be added to the list.

The Group was agreeable to grouping Character, Neighborhood versus subdivision, Landscaping-street trees, Rents & second home owners (vacancy) with the "What makes a neighborhood" category. It was also decided to combine all of the parking issues into one category for further discussion.

The issue of Technology changes reflected in code, the Group decided that the code needs to provide direction and flexibility to deal with new technology and approaches. Further discussion is needed for this issue.

Transit (better balanced)- This issue is dealing with pedestrians, bikes, buses, etc. A suggestion was to have someone from NAIPTA present when this issue is discussed further.

The issue of Future Mixed-use/TND in existing neighborhoods would be combined with the issue of Form Based Codes and transects for further discussion at the next meeting.

Diversity of Neighborhoods – It was determined that this was a resolved issue.

Rentals & Second home owners (vacancy) – This was determined to be non applicable and would be better addressed by the Housing Focus Group. There is not much that can be done and would infringe on private property rights. The Group determined that they would like further discussion on HOA's for a better understanding.

Scale was added to the list for further discussion in relationship to historic character. Is it the intent to allow the code to transform neighborhoods?

Student interaction with neighborhood residents, NAU/Southside partnership and How to keep students here were combined for further discussion.

Property maintenance Ordinance – Not applicable. Mr. Eastman informed the Group that he had worked on a draft but had not been finalized. Comments were that this would be difficult to enforce, and this issue should be addressed in a separate city code. Other comments were how to get the neighborhood more involved in planning.

Entrepreneurship – how can one neighborhood help itself and the community as a whole. Further discussion is needed on this issue. Home based businesses to train the youth within the neighborhood was an idea.

New item added was to coordinate with Design Guidelines Focus Group on Neighborhoods.

Mr. Eastman asked the Group to focus on the issues identified and to review and rate the top five (5) issues before the next meeting.

4. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
5. Adjournment at 10:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m.